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A.—(*a*) So far as regards the period prior to the arrest of Mr. Yaqub Hasan and his companions, the Honourable Member's question is not sufficiently specific to admit of an answer. It is not a fact that there have been no breaches of the peace in Calicut since the date of the arrest.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) The Government have no intention of issuing any such direction. The District Magistrate has power to direct release whenever that can be done without hazard.

Stipendiary students of the Veterinary College, Madras.

429 Q.—Rao Bahadur A. S. Krishna Rao Pantulu: To ask the Hon'ble the Minister for Development whether it is a fact—

(*a*) that students of the Madras Veterinary College holding stipends will forfeit their stipends if they fail even once in any of the two examinations;.

(*b*) that students who are unable to finish their instruction for any default on their part have to pay a penalty of Rs. 400; and

(*c*) that students who fail once in the first year's examination and twice in the second and third years' examinations are dismissed from the Veterinary College.

A.—(*a*) Stipends in the higher classes are awarded on the results of annual examinations and students that fail in the examinations are not ordinarily awarded stipends.

(*b*) Students who leave the college without sanction are liable to refund the tuition fees at the rate of Rs. 400 per annum.

(*c*) The answer is in the affirmative.

Tenders for railway sleepers.

430 Q.—Rao Bahadur T. Namberumal Chetti: To ask the Hon'ble the Home Member—

(*a*) if it is a fact that the southern group of railways are inviting tenders for 4½ lakhs of sleepers aggregating in quantity 10 lakhs of cubic feet the value of which at Rs. 3 per cubic foot approximately would amount to 30 lakhs of rupees; and

(*b*) if the Government could not inquire why this large supply cannot be made either in full or in part by the Forest Department of this Presidency instead of allowing foreign markets to meet the demand.

A.—The Government have no information but will inquire.

Cost of agency administration.

431 Q.—Mr. C. V. S. Narasimha Raju: To ask the Hon'ble the Home Member what the amount of extra cost is in the administration by constituting the Agency tracts of Ganjām, Vizagapatam and Gōdāvari districts into a separate Agency district.

A.—As stated in the answer to question No. 295, the reorganization of the Agency division is not yet complete. Consequently the extra cost to the administration cannot be stated definitely.

Famine at Vizagapatam.

432 Q.—Mr. C. V. S. Narasimha Raju: To ask the Hon'ble the Member for Revenue whether in any part or parts of the district of Vizagapatam there

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are famine conditions and what steps the Government have hitherto taken and what steps they propose to take to alleviate the distress.

A.—Famine conditions do not exist at present anywhere in the district.

Disafforestation in Vizagapatam.

433 *Q.*—Mr. C. V. S. NARASIMHA RAJU: To ask the Hon'ble the Home Member how far disafforestation has been effected or is proposed to be effected in the district of Vizagapatam in pursuance of the recent orders passed by the Government.

A.—If the Honourable Member will specify to what orders passed by Government he refers, the Government will supply him with any available information.

Mr. Yaqub Hasan's detention in custody.

434 *Q.*—Diwan Bahadur M. RAMACHANDRA RAO PANTULU: To ask the Hon'ble the Home Member whether the Government consider it necessary to further detain Mr. Yaqub Hasan and three others in custody under the orders passed by the District Magistrate of Malabar and whether the Government will consider the advisability of releasing them.

A.—The Government have no intention of interfering with the discretion of the District Magistrate who has power under section 124 (1) of the Criminal Procedure Code to release the persons referred to if he considers that they may be released without hazard.

Recruitment to Agricultural and Veterinary services.

435 *Q.*—Diwan Bahadur M. RAMACHANDRA RAO PANTULU: To ask the Hon'ble the Minister for Development to state the number of superior appointments in the Agricultural and Veterinary services which were filled in this Presidency by recruitment from the United Kingdom in the years 1918–19, 1919–20 and 1920–21.

A.—

Agricultural Department.		*Veterinary Department.*	
1918–19	Nil	1918–19	Nil
1919–20	1	1919–20	Nil
1920–21	4	1920–21	1

Sugar manufacture.

436 *Q.*—Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR: To ask the Hon'ble the Minister for Development to state—

(*a*) if the Government have afforded any, and, if so, what facilities to Messrs. Parry & Co. for the manufacture of sugar;

(*b*) whether any Indian firm has applied to the Government for help, and, if so, what firm and how far have the Government been pleased to comply with its request.

A.—(*a*) A lease of certain lands in the Tinnevelly district for construction of tram lines in connexion with a sugar factory has been granted to a company of which Messrs. Parry & Co. are Managing Agents. The Government have granted no other facilities for the manufacture of sugar.

(*b*) The Government will consider such applications on receipt.

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